



Signature Report

July 16, 2008

Ordinance

Proposed No. 2008-0377.1

Sponsors Constantine

1 AN ORDINANCE relating to public transportation;
2 revising rates of fare; and amending Ordinance 13480,
3 Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015, Ordinance
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5 Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C.
6 28.94.245.

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8 BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF KING COUNTY:

9 SECTION 1. Findings:

10 A. Worldwide petroleum prices are at all-time record levels resulting in a
11 significant increase in fuel prices.

12 B. Metro Transit has been experiencing record ridership growth as customers
13 respond to increasing fuel prices by moving to public transportation.

14 C. Metro Transit uses more than 10 million gallons of diesel fuel each year and
15 the 2008/2009 biennial budget was based per gallon costs for diesel fuel of \$2.60 in 2008
16 and \$2.70 in 2009.

D. The price per gallon of diesel fuel has been growing for the past several months and is currently expected to average \$3.86 in 2008 and \$4.32 in 2009. At this pace, diesel fuel will add approximately \$140 million to Metro Transit's costs over the period 2008 - 2014.

E. Current financial plans cannot support the increase in diesel fuel without jeopardizing existing and planned bus service levels.

F. The Access program is experiencing the same level of cost growth as the bus system with additional costs of diesel of \$1.9 million annually.

G. Due to the need to preserve existing and future expansion of the Metro Transit system, there is an immediate need to increase program revenue through a fare increase.

SECTION 2. A. Section 3 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fares currently charged for county public transportation services on the bus system. Section 4 of this ordinance proposes changes in the fares currently charged for county public transportation services on the ACCESS system. Section 5 of this ordinance increases the annual limit on the discount provided for Human Services Tickets.

B. These fees are assessed under K.C.C. 2.99.030.

SECTION 3. Ordinance 13480, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

A. Except as may otherwise be provided by ordinance, the following fare categories and rates are established for regularly scheduled county public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars:

	Off-peak	One-zone Peak	Two-zone Peak
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Regular fare	((\$1.50) <u>\$1.75</u>)	((\$1.75) <u>\$2.00</u>)	((\$2.25) <u>\$2.50</u>)
Child fare	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth fare	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$0.75
Family fare	((\$1.50) <u>\$1.75</u>)	N/A	N/A
Seniors and persons with disabilities fare	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.50

The fare categories and rates are subject to, and defined by, the following:

1. The descriptions of transit zones are set forth in K.C.C. 28.94.030;
2. The time-of-day limitations for peak period trips and off-peak period trips are set forth in K.C.C. 28.92.115 and 28.92.100;
3. The child fare is available to persons up to six years old when accompanied by a responsible person paying the proper fare as set forth in this chapter. Up to four children may ride with each responsible person;
4. The youth fare is available to persons from six through seventeen years old and persons over seventeen years old who attend regular sessions of junior or senior high school;
5. The family fare is available to a group that includes a person at least eighteen years old and up to four persons eighteen years old or younger. The family fare is valid on Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed: New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day;
6. The senior and persons with disabilities fare is available to persons who apply for and receive a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to persons at least

sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255; and

7. A person with a disability who has been issued an “attendant ride free” permit by the department may be accompanied by an attendant, who is not required to pay a fare.

B. A fare in subsection A of this section is paid when a person pays the appropriate amount in cash or presents an appropriate pass, transfer or other fare payment media established under, and used in accordance with, this chapter.

C. The following passes are established for use on regularly scheduled county public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and streetcars:

1. Weekend/holiday all-day pass – (~~(\$3.50)~~) \$4.00.

A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons at least six years old. A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be purchased only on Saturdays, Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed:

New Year's Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. A

weekend/holiday all-day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated on the pass;

2. Weekday all-day pass – (~~(\$5.50)~~) \$6.00.

A weekday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons at least six years old. A weekday all-day pass may be purchased only on weekdays. An all-day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated on the pass;

78 3. Monthly pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – \$9.00.

79 Monthly passes may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons who have
80 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to
81 persons at least sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional
82 reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The monthly pass
83 entitles the purchaser to unlimited rides during the month indicated on the pass;

84 4. Annual pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – \$99.00.

85 Annual passes may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons who have
86 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to
87 persons sixty-five years of age and older and persons with disabilities as provided in the
88 regional reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The annual pass
89 entitles the purchaser to unlimited rides during the year indicated on the pass; and

90 5. Regional passes.

91 Regional passes, in various single-trip value denominations and for various
92 effective periods, may be issued and sold in accordance with the terms of an agreement
93 approved by the county council and entered into with other public transportation providers
94 in the region. The various effective periods, single-trip values and prices for the regional
95 passes shall be established by the agreement. A valid regional pass may be presented an
96 unlimited number of times during its effective period as full or partial payment of the
97 applicable fare. To the extent the single trip value of the regional pass is not sufficient to
98 cover the applicable fare, the rider shall pay the difference in cash.

99 D. The rate of fare for paratransit service shall be ~~((75-cents))~~ \$1.00 per trip and
100 ~~(((\$18.00))~~ \$27.00 for a monthly pass.

E. The rate of fare for customized bus service to residents of Center Park, a facility of the Seattle Housing Authority located at 2121 - 26th Avenue South, Seattle, is equal to the paratransit fares specified in subsection D. of this section.

SECTION 4. Ordinance 13480, Section 2, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.015 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

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116 4. The youth fare is available to persons from six through seventeen years old and
117 persons over seventeen years old who attend regular sessions of junior or senior high
118 school;

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120 years old and up to four persons eighteen years old or younger. The family fare is valid on
121 Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed: New Year's
122 Day; Martin Luther King, Jr., Day; Presidents' Day; Memorial Day; Independence Day;
123 Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day;

124 6. The senior and persons with disabilities fare is available to persons who apply
125 for and receive a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to persons at least
126 sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional reduced fare
127 permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255; and

128 7. A person with a disability who has been issued an “attendant ride free” permit
129 by the department may be accompanied by an attendant, who is not required to pay a fare.

130 B. A fare in subsection A of this section is paid when a person pays the appropriate
131 amount in cash or presents an appropriate pass, transfer or other fare payment media
132 established under, and used in accordance with, this chapter.

133 C. The following passes are established for use on regularly scheduled county
134 public transportation service on buses, trolleys, transit vans, dial-a-ride vehicles and
135 streetcars:

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137 A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to
138 persons at least six years old. A weekend/holiday all-day pass may be purchased only on

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139 Saturdays, Sundays and the days on which the following holidays are legally observed:

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141 Independence Day; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. A

142 weekend/holiday all-day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited rides

143 during the day indicated on the pass;

144 2. Weekday all-day pass – \$6.00.

145 A weekday all-day pass may be issued and sold at the price indicated to persons at

146 least six years old. A weekday all-day pass may be purchased only on weekdays. An all-

147 day pass entitles persons at least six years old to unlimited rides during the day indicated on

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149 3. Monthly pass for seniors and persons with disabilities – \$9.00.

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151 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to

152 persons at least sixty-five years old and persons with disabilities as provided in the regional

153 reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The monthly pass

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157 applied for and received a regional reduced fare permit. The permits are available to

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159 regional reduced fare permit program authorized under K.C.C. 28.94.255. The annual pass

160 entitles the purchaser to unlimited rides during the year indicated on the pass; and

161 5. Regional passes.

Regional passes, in various single-trip value denominations and for various effective periods, may be issued and sold in accordance with the terms of an agreement approved by the county council and entered into with other public transportation providers in the region. The various effective periods, single-trip values and prices for the regional passes shall be established by the agreement. A valid regional pass may be presented an unlimited number of times during its effective period as full or partial payment of the applicable fare. To the extent the single trip value of the regional pass is not sufficient to cover the applicable fare, the rider shall pay the difference in cash.

D. The rate of fare for paratransit service shall be ~~((75-cents))~~ \$1.00 per trip and ~~(((\$18.00))~~ \$27.00 for a monthly pass.

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SECTION 5. Ordinance 12643, Section 19, as amended, and K.C.C. 28.94.245 are each hereby amended to read as follows:

The director is authorized to establish a program for the sale and distribution of tickets to human service agencies at twenty percent of their cash value for the purpose of meeting the transportation needs of low income and homeless populations. The total amount of the eighty percent discount provided under the program shall not exceed one million ~~((three hundred and twenty five))~~ five hundred thousand dollars for any one year. The allocation of discount tickets under the program shall be made by the director in conjunction with local jurisdictions and the county's department or departments responsible for human services programs. The local jurisdictions and the county department or

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185 departments shall determine the number of tickets from their respective allocations which
186 shall be sold to the human service agencies eligible under the program. Tickets sold under
187 the program are valid on all public transportation and paratransit service.

188 SECTION 6. Section 3 of this ordinance takes effect October 1, 2008. Sections 4
189 and 5 of this ordinance take effect January 1, 2009.

KING COUNTY COUNCIL
KING COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Julia Patterson, Chair

ATTEST:

Anne Noris, Clerk of the Council

APPROVED this ____ day of _____, _____.

Ron Sims, County Executive

Attachments None